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AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

As previously announced our president LeRoy Waggoner has resigned that office to enlist in the Merchant Marine as a radio operator. Few of us fully realize the tremendous amount of interest and enthusiasm LeRoy gave to the Radio Club. He is going to be missed a great deal both in the Radio Club and throughout the state for his work as SCM. We're sure that the Merchant Marine is going to be a better outfit from now on.

As your new president I feel that I am going to have my hands full to even come close to filling this new position with the efficiency shown in the past. Fortunately for me the Radio Club has received a shot in the arm as the result of the recent acquisition of the WERS license. Plenty of new enthusiasm has been shown in our new opportunity to again "be on the air" even though it is not "rag chewing" as we used to know it. Many hours of hard work have been spent by LeRoy, Bob Batts, Don Davis, and others participating in the preliminary work necessary in obtaining this license. It is our duty as members of the club to concentrate to the best of our ability and center our efforts on the successful operation of an efficient network.

WERS is the Radio Club. It is not the responsibility of the Civilian Defense Council to make this program a success but the responsibility of the Radio Club members. In order to keep this privilege of having a WERS permit, it will be necessary that we all work whole-heartedly to make this net-work a success.

Very truly yours,
Alvey Pittman. Presidnet IRC.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The above letter from our new president should awaken us to the past before us now. After being off the air for almost two years we have the opportunity to get back on, not in the old manner we were accustomed to but rather as a war preparedness measure. This, as in our presidents' letter, means that we cannot hold rag chews but rather now our strength and ingenuity should be thrown into the effort to have an emergency communications system that will be ready and able to work when ever and if ever it is necessary. Instead of our easy going pre Pearl Harbor days we now must buckle down to the more or less commercial aspect as far as actual air contacts go. This does not mean that all the fun is gone though.

For many of us the High Frequencies are new and unexplored, what ham doesn't like to get down to the new fields and make his equipment

"to it's stuff". When unable to get the recommended apparatus convert what you have on hand to the job at hand. The thrill then will come when the "stuff" does work. Then, when operating, be a soldier and follow the rules made necessary by war. Learn to get the message through. To get it through the recommended way is the only way, using the operating procedure and form so that it will quickly reach the proper authority in the correct form. We're surely not to old to learn and the feeling of satisfaction of a job well done will be just reward. Let's be prepared then to do our part in case of any emergency that may come our way.

MEMBERS

If you are not member of the club wouldn't you like to become one? WERS is possible in Indianapolis because those in the club pull together to make the plans and organize the effort. Why not help directly by becoming a member. See our secretary Paul Nelson for your application blank.

ANTENNAS

The Antennas on the fixed stations have now been erected and are ready to go. The material for these as you already know was furnished by the OGD while the actual erection and planning for them was done by Inspector Batts, Fred Manning, Harold Giesendorf, and Bill Randall. With the fixed stations now ready to go there is no excuse for the nets working into these control points to get going. A short time ago we were asking for action in procuring our license, now we have it and it is up to us to keep it. Tests are being held every Sun., Mon., and Wed. as shown in your WERS Manual. Let's hear your station in the next test.

FREQUENCIES

The committee on freq. measurement will soon have its recommendations for a freq meter in shape for presentation at the club. In the mean time Bill Leuth says that he can check your freq. during test periods. Give him a call at Police Radio.

Remember to keep an accurate log of each transmission, use the log pads furnished. Additional pads may be had by applying to Don Davis. Use the sample in the WERS manual for entries.

CLUB PROGRAMS

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 * Bill Leuth gave an excellent demonstration and talk on the use *
 * of Lecher wires for freq. measurement at the last club meeting. *
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 * Aug. 27. Art Shultz will talk on High Frequency Detec- *
 * tors. This will include super regenerator *
 * receivers and like HF means of detection. *
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CLUB PICNIC

Sunday the 8th the club held its annual picnic at Longacre Park just south of Indpls. Among those present were Fred Manning his wife and children, Lonnie Webb xyl and son, LeRoy Kerst and y1, Paul Nelson wid xyl and daughter, Willie Keston-xyl-son and daughter (we announced her just last issue) Bob Caskey and y1, Russ Watson his xyl and son, and Don Davis with xyl and son. The gang had quite a good time what with the usual chicken, lemonade, cake and, well, stuff-ed.

VISITOR

Lt. Nelson Trusler, W9FOS, was in Indpls for a 7 day leave. He spent the week visiting friends and returned to Ft. Monmouth Thrus. (Thanks for getting around to the editor this time om.)

ADDRESS CHANGE

LeRoy Waggoner's new address is now Div. 3-c, United States Maritime Service Training Station, Huntington, New York.

AV/C T. S. Wonnell 43-K, Bks. T-116, Majors Army Air Field, Greenville, Texas. How about dropping a line to Tom and how about a word from you Tom, - now that we have located you.

That reminds us to say that if you move or are inducted into the armed forces won't you let us know just where you are and forward the latest mail address. That is the only way we can get in touch with u.

R.I. IN TOWN

Aug. 16 the Radio Inspector was in the Federal Building giving exams. Approx. 100 turned out for various exams. Let's hear how yours came out. Ham, WERS, commercial, etc.

NORRIS KNOWSALL

We all recall Norris Knowsall. Somehow Norris got lost in the woods for several issues of Amachewer but one night the past week ye od. found the following in his mail box. Here tis. Hpe u like it.

It has been some time since your reporter has had the spirit too move him to write a few words of shall we say "Wisdom". Will try to have a few words to say every issue if there is a demand for it.

Last copy of Amachewer indicates we now have International circulation. No doubt plenty of material is being gathered for future sessions of the 160 meter Bull Sessions.

A letter has been received from YMV. The Yellow Mountain Violet, Amachewer must have been in error last, it stated LeRoy had signed up with the Merchant Marine, it should have been Weary Time Service he claims, he sleeps until 10:00 AM, a lukewarm bath is drawn for him by a petty officer, Breakfast at 10:30 AM, Classes at 11:00 & 11:30 AM 12 Noon lunch, with champagne served by the Radio City Rockets, 1:00 PM a Siesta until 2:30, Study period from 2:30 PM until 5:00 PM at 6:00 PM dinner is served by Earl Carrolls Venities, after dinner their time is their own until 3:00 AM. If they would care to take in some night life the Ziegfield Follies Girls and the Vaga Cover Girls (Esquire) are at hand to act as chaperons. Now if you boys in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps want to believe this you can, but we back home have our doubts. If all this about YMV were true we still wouldn't sign up as that would be too strenuous for us 4 F's.

Good luck LeRoy. One thing to remember is the mast on board ship is higher than the pole on your roof in Speedway.

Army life for a 1st Lt. can't be so bad if reports from FOS at Ft. Monmouth can be believed-setting in open windows in your underwear watching WAC's. Trusler never to our knowledge acted that way around here, maybe he believes, "It pays to advertise".

JJC, Pittman, pres. informs us that his WERS transceiver is now in operation and can be heard in the living room from the bedroom with all doors in between closed.

Remember, if your wife is going to or has had a baby that's NEWS and should be recorded in Amachewer, but if you're going to have a baby, that's something for a specialist. The editors are still wanting newsy items for the old sheet.

Signed. Norris Knowsall (and tells it)

Well, Norris cleared his chest. Maybe even the Roving Reporter will be run out of his hibernation.

Just a few excerpts taken from letters of clients of a relief dept.

I am a poor woman and all I have is gone.

Please send me elopement as I have a four months old baby and he is my only support and I need all I can get every day to buy feed and to keep in close.

Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made application for a wife and child.